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**NEWS RELEASE
*U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH HOSPITAL REACH
AGREEMENT ON IV INFUSION BILLING ISSUE***

SALT LAKE CITY – In an agreement reached with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Utah, the University of Utah Hospital has agreed to pay \$474,986.24 to settle an issue involving the hospital's billing of Medicare for IV infusion therapy services.

The federal government asserted that between Sept. 1, 2001, and Aug. 31, 2004, the hospital billed for multiple units of infusion services when numerous Medicare Bulletins advised that the correct billing is one unit of service per patient visit. As a result, the U.S. Attorney's Office alleged, incorrect and duplicative payments were made to the hospital on behalf of the Medicare program. The case was investigated by agents of the U.S. Health and Human Services' Office of Inspector General.

Under the terms of the agreement, the hospital agreed to pay a principal of \$380,828 and interest of \$94,158.24 to resolve the matter.

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